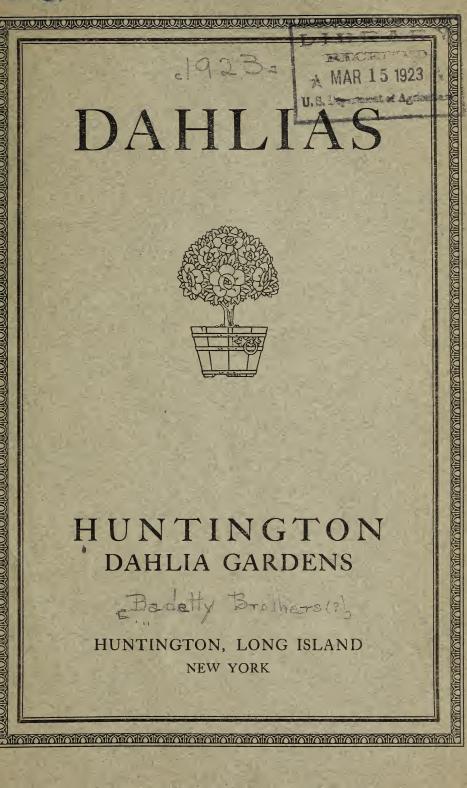
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To Our Dahlia Friends



Of the many varieties of dahlias in existence, we select for growing, only those that prove most satisfactory, whether of the standard inexpensive kinds, or the new higher priced introductions. In this way and by discarding each year, all that do not qualify in this respect, we are able to offer we believe, one of the best collections of dahlias from which you can make your choice.

Of the many new varieties originated by us, only a few will be released the present season, together with other varieties of great merit that we will introduce.

GUARANTEE—We guarantee all bulbs to be divisions of strong field grown stock, free from disease and true to name, and to be delivered in growing condition. Beyond this point success will depend upon local conditions which we cannot control, such as the soil and the attention they receive.

ORDER EARLY—Send your order early as late orders must be filled in their turn, when the very kinds you want may be sold out.

TERMS—All orders must be accompanied by cash. Where orders placed early, amount to \$15.00 or more 25% of amount may be remitted and the balance paid in advance of shipment. Make remittance by check or Post Office money order.

Retail orders will be shipped by Parcel Post or Express, prepaid. Shipments are made from Apr. 15th. to May 15th., unless otherwise specified.

Kindly advise us promptly if any error should occur in the packing of your order.

PRICES—Prices in this catalogue cancel all previous lists.

In describing the types of dahlias listed in these pages, the following abbreviations will be used.

Cactus-Cac. Hybrid Cactus-H. C. Decorative-Dec. Peony-P. Show-Sh.



Showing a Portion of our Fields in Bloom

This garden spot of marvelous beauty, only thirty-five miles from New York city, may be reached by a pleasant drive along the north shore of Long Island. It is accessible to thousands who visit and enjoy it.

Announcement



For many years one of the most noted collections of dahlias in existence, has had its home on the shore of The Long Island Sound, at "Fort Hill," the beautiful country estate of Mr. Wm. J. Matheson, at Huntington, N. Y.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Matheson, a limited number of tubers of these superb flowers may now be offered for sale.

Mr. James Kirby, gardener and superintendent at Fort Hill for over twenty years, will be in a position to dispose of some of the surplus stock of the new varieties originated by himself. Mr. Kirby, who is so well-known, as one who has devoted much of his life to the study and care of flowers, is recognized as one of the leading experts on the culture and development of the dahlia. He has produced a strain of these flowers of unexcelled merit. From the thousands of seedlings tried out only those showing exceptional qualities in color, strength of plant and good habit are chosen to be added to this collection. The result of his careful selection is an array of marvelous blooms of the rarest beauty of coloring and a grace and refinement of form, so lacking, in many large varieties.

Dahlias of Kirby origin have invariably scored high at the trial grounds of The American Dahlia Society and won certificates of merit. As prize winners they always carry off high honors and have won many first prizes at the New York shows of The American Dahlia Society, The Horticultural Society of New York, and elsewhere.

Those who might have the pleasure of enjoying some of these beautiful flowers in their own gardens, will certainly appreciate the kindness of Mr. Matheson through whose consent the very limited surplus stock of Mr. Kirby's wonderful creations may be released.

We feel it an honor to be chosen to distribute these dahlias that years of patient and skilful effort have raised to the highest degree of perfection.

HUNTINGTON DAHLIA GARDENS,

Huntington, N. Y.



"SAGAMORE"

Was awarded first prize as the best seedling at the 1921 show of the American Dahlia Society, in New York. It again won first honors at the 1922 show.

In creating this great dahlia Mr. Kirby has accomplished the result sought by all dahlia fanciers, namely, the production of an exhibition variety of the highest order, possessing beauty of color and perfect form, combined with all the qualities required in a cut flower of the greatest commercial value.

To describe it as a glorified king of the Autumn would give to those who are familiar with that popular dahlia of Holland origin, only a slight idea of the worth of this improved variety. Fortunately it does not possess the fault of coming single, that has often caused its predecessor to prove disappointing. It bears freely and the large blooms remain perfect in form throughout the season.

In color it is a pleasing soft golden shade, deepening slightly to orange at the center. A side view reveals a background of rich carmine, hidden in the depth of the bloom, at the base of the petals. The bloom is very deep, the outer petals curving back about the stem.

The long, straight stems are exceptionally strong and hold the flowers perfectly erect. One of its greatest merits is its remarkable keeping qualities, blooms having kept fresh on exhibition for six or seven days.

As many fine dahlias have been ruined by propogation, through the anxiety of growers to quickly work up a large stock, all danger of this mistake will be avoided, and no stock will be available for release until 1924.

We predict as a future for Sagamore, that it will become a favorite for exhibition and the most popular and satisfactory of all dahlias as a cut flower.



"HUBERT BADETTY"

Hybrid Cactus (Kirby) This is an exceptional dahlia.

The blooms are large, measuring from six to eight inches, and are very deep, the back petals curving back over the stem.

The color is a buffish straw, shading to a light, pure pink with center suffused with gold. It has excellent stem and keeping qualities. Stock will not be available this season.

New Dahlias for 1923

- CRIMSON DUPLEX. (Kirby)—This is a splendid garden variety and is fine for artistic decorations. The plants are a mass of deep crimson blooms on long graceful stems. Price per tuber...................................\$1.00



"MERVEILLEUX"



"LA GLOIRE"

- LA GLOIRE. Dec. (Kirby)—This is a flower of graceful form and of a charming light orange, sparkling with powdered gold. The fresh green plants are loaded with blooms from early season until frost. It is a dahlia admired by all. Price per tuber......\$7.50
- LUCY ASHTON. H. C. (Kirby)—A dwarf, free blooming variety. The flowers are medium in size and are held on straight stems. The color is creamy white shading to pink. Price per tuber.....\$1.50
- MAY MATHESON. H. C. (Kirby)—
 This is one of the finest
 flowers for artistic decoraations. The flower is peculiar
 in form with long narrow

petals rounded at ends. It is flat in form and has long wiry stems. The color is yellow, blending to apricot. Price per tuber...........\$1.50



"MRS. A. C. JAMES"

MRS. A. C. JAMES. Cactus (Kirby)

—A beautiful amber cactus of perfect form. The blossoms are full at center and are held erect on strong stems. It makes a pretty spot in the garden. Price per tuber......\$2.00

MRS. GEORGE ROBB ANGUS. H. C. (Kirby)—Is a dark crimson color shading to deep maroon at center with a bright crimson at tips of petals. A fine exhibition and garden variety. Price per

tuber\$1.50

RED WING. Dec. (Kirby)—A prize winner of great merit. A splendid variety for both garden and

exhibition. Its blooms of a most brilliant scarlet, dazzling to the eye, are held erect above the foliage on strong stems. The plant is remarkable for its clean growth and for retaining the fresh greenness of foliage throughout the season. Continues to develop after being placed in water and will last nearly a week. Won first prize at the 1922 American Dahlia Society, New York show, for the best vase of red dahlias. Price per tuber..\$2.50

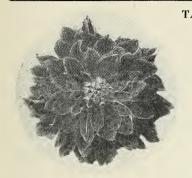
ROXANA. H. C. (Kirby)—This dahlia scored 90 points at the trial grounds of the American Dahlia Society. The color is yellow shading to orange chrome at center. It blooms early but has its best blooms late in the season. Its stout stems make it excellent for cutting. Price per tuber. \$2.00

SCARLET LADY. Dec. (Kirby)—
A decorative of good form and
of a bright scarlet color. It is
free flowering and fine for
garden. Price per tuber..\$1.50

SEAWANHAKA. Dec. (Kirby)—
Growing on dwarf plants covered with brilliant green foliage, the bright scarlet flowers with reverse of petals gold, make this variety especially good for a border in a garden. The flowers are perfect and never show an open center. Price per tuber..\$1.50



"SEAWANHAKA"



"TARGET ROCK"

TARGET ROCK. Dec. (Kirby)—This is truly an aristocrat among dahlias. The stately appearance of its dark velvety blooms, towering above the foliage, as if in defiant scorn of their more humble neighbors, make it a real attraction in the garden. The color is a rich maroon blended with deep scarlet. The plants are exceptionally strong and clean in growth and the blooms, 7 to 8 inches, are held on long stout stems. Fine for exhibition and cutting. Price per tuber\$15.00

YELLOW DUKE. Dec. (Kirby)—A rich yellow decorative compact in form.

It grows six to seven feet in height and is very free flowering. It will stand to be severely disbudded. A fine garden decoration and excellent for cutting. Price per tuber.....\$2.50



Standard and New Varieties

- A. D. LAVONI. Sh.—A clear bright pink with quilled petal. Price per tuber. 25c
- AMERICAN BEAUTY. Sh.—Rich deep red in color and very regular in form. Vigorcus grower and excellent habit. Price per tuber............50c
- ATTRACTION. H. C. (Hornsveld)—
 Beautiful, clear lilac-rose with peculiar
 pointed wavy petals. An excellent cutting variety. Price per tuber....75c
- AUT WN PRINCE. H. C. (Finger)—A medium flower of splendid form and stem. A good Autumn shade suitable for decorations. Price per tuber..\$1.00
- AYESWA. Dec.—A soft nure yellow of excellent form. Price per tuber...50c
- **AZALIA.** Dec.—A large well formed bloom with long narrow florets. A very attractive flower of soft creamy yellow tinged with pink. Price per tuber. \$1.50
- BEATRICE SLOCOMBE. Dec. (Slocombe)—A well formed flower of red edged with gold and old rcse. A brilliant garden decoration. Price per tuber\$1.50
- BEN WILSON. Dec. (Murphy)—A rich reddish orange with petals tipped gold. A good free blooming variety. Price per tuber.....\$2.00
- medium compact flower with cleft petals. Very good stem. Good for cutting. Price per tuber......50c
- BREAK O'DAY. H. C. (Maytrott)—A fine delicate creamy white of unusual formation. Very attractive. Price per tuber.....\$1.00
- BREEZELAWN. Dec.—Very bright scarlet of perfect form. Price per tuber75c

- CARMENCITA. Dec. (Bessie Boston)—
 A large flat bloom of yellow striped
 with bright red. It is a well formed
 flower with good stem, and keeps well.
 Price per tuber.......\$2.00
- CARMAN SYLVA. Dec. (Hornsveld)— Beautiful shade of salmon pink, flowers medium in size; perfectly formed and have good stems. Price per tuber

- **CONQUEST.** Cac. (West) Crimson maroon. One of the darkest red dahlias cf the cactus type. Price per tuber 75c

- DAKOTA. Dec. (Marean)—Large flowers on strong stems. A deep bronzy flame colcr. A splendid exhibition and garden variety. Price per tuber......\$5.00

- D. M. MOORE. Dec. (Wilmore)—A deep velvety maroon shading to nearly black at center. Blooms very compact in form. Price per tuber........50c
- DOROTHY DURNBAUGH. Cac. (Broomall)—Immense flowers of an a tractive shade of rich pink. The blooms are of fine form with good stems. It i considered one of the best cact s dahlias. Price per tuber......\$1.50
- Large flowers of a real Autumn shade. Very satisfactory as a cut flower. Price per tuper...............................
- DREAM Dec. (Holland)—This is a Holland introduction of great beauty. A levely committee in sai or and pink with an amber center. Price per tuber\$1.00
- **DREER'S WHITE.** Sh.—A pure white with compact form and quilled petals. Price per tuber......25c

- **DR. TYRELL.** Dec.—A golden decorative of a pleasing Autumn shade and good form. Price per tuber.....50c
- **EARL WILLIAMS.** Dec. (Doolittle)—An immense scarlet flower with petals tipped white. A splendid dahlia in all respects. Price per tuber....\$10.00
- EDITH CAVELL. P. (West)—This is an English peony of enormous size with strong stems. In color it is a reddish-bronze mixed with old gold. A fine dahlia. Price per tuber....\$1.50

- **ELSE.** Cac.—A combination of yellow and pink blended together in a most pleasing manner. Price per tuber..25c

- FLAMINGO. Dec.—This is a delightful rose pink flower with an open yellow center. An excellent cut flower with long stiff stems. Price per tuber. 50c
- FOREST LOMA. P. (Stillman)—Deep cerise pink, blotched and streaked canary yellow, with yellow at center. Petals are finely formed and curled at points. Very large and has good stem. Price per tuber......\$1.00
- FRANCES WHITE. Cac.—Narrow white florets curling and twisting. Center a creamy white. Freely producing from early to late. Price per tuber.50c
- F. G. SCHIFF. Dec. (German)—This is a flower of a pleasing shade of deep buff shading to coral red at the center and reverse of petals. Extra long stiff stems. Price per tuber....\$1.50
- F. W. FELLOWS. Cac. (Stredwick)—One of the finest of the English cactus type. Very large, perfect blooms of an orange-scarlet shade. Fine stems and good habit. Price per tuber..\$1.00
- **GEISHA.** P. (Hornsveld)—Scarlet and gold with a yellow center. A very brilliant and attractive flower. Price per tuber..........\$1.00
- **GELBER PRINZ**. Cac.—Flowers of a deep buttercup yellow. A good standard variety. Price per tuber.50c
- **GEO. L. STILLMAN.** H. C. (Stillman)— A beautiful shade of deep carmine. Well formed blcoms with strong stems. Price per tuber......\$1.50

- monster blossom of pinkish salmon culor snading to yel ow at center the flower has long petals of great substance. Blossoms freely produced on long stems. Worthy of a place in every collection. Price per tuber..75c
- GLADYS SHERWOOD. H. C. (Broomall)—A monster white cactus of splendid form. It bears freely, large flowers 9 to 10 inches, on strong stems. A splendid exhibition and garden variety. Price per tuber.....\$3.00
- GLORY OF NIJKIRK. P. (Holland)— These large purple-violet flowers have good stems and a beautiful graceful form. Price per tuber.......75c

- GOLDEN WEST. Sh.—A bright canary yellow. A good garden variety. Price per tuber......35c

- GRACE DARLING. Cac. (Brocmall)— Large graceful flowers of soft pink blending to buff, at base. It has very long narrow petals and sometimes shows a yellow center. Stems are good. Price per tuber.....\$1.00
- **GRAND DUKE ALEXIS.** Sh.—This is a clear white with tubular petals edged with lavender. Price per tuber..25c

- HATTIE FINGER. Dec. (Finger)—
 This is a large decorative of a pale
 rcse-purple deepening at center. A
 dwarf grower, blooming freely and
 having good stems for cutting. Price
 per tuber. \$2.50
- - HORTULANUS. FIET. Dec. (Hornsveld)—This is one of the finest of the Holland dahlias The very large flowers are a creamy pink with a suffusion of salmon and gold. A fine dahlia. Price per tuber\$ 1.00
 - HORTULANUS WITTE. Dec.
 (Holland)—This is a pure white decorative with good stems and fine for cutting.
 Price per tuber......35c

 - INSULINDE. Dec. (Hornsveld)
 This Holland variety is like a
 beautiful golden orange lily.
 The large blooms, formed of
 broad, wavy, pointed petals,
 are held erect on strong stems.
 It keeps splendidly as a cut
 flower. Price per tuber..\$300



"INSULINDE"

- JAN OLIESLAGER. Dec. Fine large yellow decorative with good stem. Price per tuber......75c
- J. HARRISON DICK. H. C. (Stout)—
 This is a large flower of pale amber edged with lavender. It has good stems and good keeping qualities.
 Price per tuber......\$2.00
- JOFFRE. Dec. (Rozain-Boucharlot)— A beautiful French decorative of fine form. This is a delicate pink with white center. Good stems and fine for cutting. Price per tuber....\$1.00
- JOHANNESBURG. Cac. (Stredwick)—
 This is a golden amber cactus of good form. Price per tuber.....50c
- JOHN LEWIS CHILDS. Dec. (Bessie Boston)—A good fancy dahlia of California introduction. The blooms are large and well formed; in color. a yellow, striped and splashed with bright red. The flower will often be red with white tips and sometimes clear red. Free blooming and has good stems. Price per tuber....\$3.50
- JONKEER BOREEL VON HOOGLAND-EN. Dec.—This is a splendid dahlia of Holland origin. It is a beautiful autumn shade similar to King of the Autumn and is good for cutting. Price per tuber......\$1.00
- This is one of the most beautifully colored dahlas. There is a blending of cclors from salmon pink to orange and gold. The blooms are large and have fine stems. It is very free blooming and flowers early in the season. Price per tuber......\$5.00
- JUSTICE BAILEY. Cac. (Wilmore)— Large flowers of lavender pink color. Good habit. Price per tuber....\$1.00
- **KALIF.** H. C. (Engelhardt)—Large bright red flowers are held erect on good stems. It is very good as a cut flower. Price per tuber.......75c

- **KING ALBERT.** P.—Dark purplish flowers are carried on strong stems. This is a very beautiful dark colored dahlia. Price per tuber.....\$1.00
- **KING OF COMMERCE.** Dec. (Kunzman)—An orange colored decorative with long strong stems. Good for cutting. Price per tuber......\$2.50

- LA FAVORITA. H. C. (Lohrmann)—One of the best of the California introductions. The blooms are a beautiful shade of bright orange, perfectly formed and hold their centers through the season. The stems are good making it a beautiful cut flower. Price per tuber.....\$2.00
- finely formed flowers of buff yellow. Fine for cutting. Price per tuber.\$1.00
- **LE GRAND MANITOU.** Dec. (Charmet)

 —A novelty of merit. The light ground color is spotted and strived with light purple. Good stems and fine form. Price per tuber......50c
- LOS ANGELES. Cac. (Broomall)—Clear canary yellow of large size and perfect shape. This is the best of its class and color. Price per tuber. \$2.00
- MABEL B. TAFT. Dec. (Bessie Boston)

 —A California dahlia of a pleasing yellow suffused with pinkish apricot. Lighter at center than at outer edge of petals. The plant grows very thick and needs thinning out to give best results. A very fine cut flower. Price per tuber.\$2.00
- MADONNA. H. C. (Ware)—A free blooming variety with large white flowers, the petals of which are twigted and curled and make it very distinctive. Price per tuber......75c

- **MAGNIFICENT.** Cac. (English)—Large blooms of a deep orange color. Long straight florets. Price per tuber..75c

- MARGUERITE BOUCHON. Cac. (Cayeux)—Rose pink with clear white center. A bright attractive flower and a great favorite. Price per tuber. 75c
- **MELODY.** Cac. (Stredwick)—Light yellow with end of florets tipped white. Price per tuber......50c
- **MELODY.** Dec.—A clear yellow of good form. Price per tuber......50c

- mildred slocombe. Dec. (Slocombe)—This is a pink decorative and good free flowering variety for garden and cutting. Price per tuber...\$1.00
- MISS NANNIE B. MOOR. C. (Broomall)—Large well formed flowers of a lavender pink. Good upright growth. Price per tuber....75c
- MONS LE NORMANDE. Dec. (Charmet) Striking flowers of bright yellow sreckied with red. Wili sometimes have white tips. Price per tuber.\$1.00
- MONT BLANC. Dec.—A fine white decorative shading to cream. Price per tuber......50c
- MRS. CARL SALBACH. Dec. (Salbach)—This is a very fine dahlia of California origin. A perfectly formed decorative of a beautiful shade of pink. The blooms are produced in profusion and held high on very long stems. Price per tuber.....\$3.00
- MRS. C. J. MILLS. Dec.—A dark velvety maroon, A fine garden variety. Price per tuber......50c

- MRS. EDNA SPENCER. H. C. (Spencer)

 —A fine type of American dahlia of lavender pink. It has fine form of bloom and keeps exceptionally well. Price per tuber........\$1.50
- MRS. ETHEL F. T. SMITH. H. C. (Broomall)—This is a white shading to a greenish lemon tint in the center. A monster dahlia on a strong stem. Blooms freely and is a splendid exhibition variety. Frice per tuoer..\$5.00

- MRS. JESSE L. SEAL. P. (Gleadell)— Large blossoms of beautiful old rose on very long wiry stems. A very satisfactory dahlia. Price per tuber. \$1.00
- MRS. LILLIE P. HATHAWAY. Dec. (Hathaway)—A fine variety for garden or other decorations. It is a strong grower with long strong stems. The flowers are compact and are a lemon-chrome or orange. Price per tuber. \$1.00
- MRS. REGINALD BAILEY. Cac.—Of a purplish crimson cclor. Price per tuber50c

- MRS. STERN. Cac. (Howard-Smith)— A delicate attractive flower with twisted serrated petals and lavender color. Price per tuber.......75c

- MRS. T. A. MUNRO. H. C. (Carter)—
 Amber shading to old gold. Price
 per tuber......\$1.00
- MRS. WARNAAR. H. C. (Holland)—A wenderful cactus and one of the best cut flowers. A delightful cream white overland with pina, i rice per taber \$1.00
- MRS. WARNER'S FAVORITE. Dec. (Marean)—This is a wonderful dahlia in growth of plant as well as form of flowers. It is free blooming and has remarkably strong stems. The color is a deep mauve-pink, very rare in the celoring of dahlias. Price per tuber ..\$10.00
- mrs. w. e. estes. H. C.—One of the finest white dahlias if its type. The immense deep blooms are held on strontenn. A most grace and beautiful flower. Price per tuber. \$2.00
- MRS. WM. J. ROWE. Dec. (Slocombe)— A very large graceful flower, the color amber shading to clear yellow in the center. A good variety for exhibition and garden. Price per tuber...\$2.00
- NELLIE SLOCOMBE. Cac. (Slocombe)— Beautiful lilac-pink blooms grow in great profusion. Price per tuber. \$1.00
- flowers of deep rose-pink spotted with carmine. Price per tuber.....\$1.00
- oright oriental red, blooms deep and ball shaped. The stems are long and wiry. Price per tuber...............................50c

- PAUL BONYON. Dec. (Hornsveld)—A beautiful soft Autumn shade. The flowers are large and produced freely on long stems. Price per tuber...50c
- PERLE DE LYON.—White tinged with la ender. retars serve ted. Good rot cutting. Price per tuber.........25c

- FINK PERFECTION. Dec.—Very similar to Hortulanus Fiet in form and color, but of a slightly deeper shade of salmon-pink. A fine dahlia of dwarf growth. Price per tuber.....\$2.50
- **PETTI SING.** P.—A very pretty combination of oriental red and gold. Price per tuber......\$1.00
- POLARIS. Dec. (Broomall)—This is one of the best of pure white dahlias. The flowers are very large and have strong stems. The plant is vigorous in growth but of dwarf habit. Price per tuber. . . \$2.00
- POLAR STAR. Dec.—This is a fine free of the arrange of the arrange
- PRIDE OF CALIFORNIA. Dec. (Lohrman)—A good red variety. Blooms freely and has large, deep flowers on long stems. Price per tuber...\$1.00

- **QUEEN WILHELMINA.** P. (Hornsveld). A large white peony, good as cut flower. Price per tuber.....35c
- RED CROSS. H. C. (Anderson)—Old gold mixed with yellow and scarlet. This is one of the largest and finest danlias of its type. Frice per taber \$-.00
- RENE CAYEUX. Cac. (Cayeux)—Small ruby-crimson blooms produced in great profusion. Price per tuber......25c
- ROYALIST. Cac. (Stredwick)—Finely formed nowers of a deep coral red color. Price per tuber......\$1.00
- ROYAL PURPLE. Dec.—A clear, rich purple. Blooms perfect in form. Price per tuber......50c

- **SEQUOIA GIGANTEA.** Dec. (Burns)—A large yeilow with good stem and strong growth. Price per tuber..\$2.50
- **SNOWDRIFT.** Dec (Broomall)—A giant white. A full well formed flower with broad waxy petals. Price per tuber \$2.00
- soliel couchant. Cac.—Bright salmon shaded with orange-scarlet. Price per tuber......50c
- SOUVENIR DE GUSTAV DOAZON. Dec.

 —A sturdy grower of excellent stem
 and substance. Very large orange-red
 blooms. Price per tuber......25c
- **STUNNER.**. Dec. (Broomall)—A fine yellow decorative of perfect form and strong growth of plant. One of the best of yellows. Price per tuber.\$2.00
- SUNBEAM. Dec. (Slocombe)—A compact well formed flower of a bright red color striped with gold. An attractive dahlia. Price per tuber.....\$1.00
- **SWEET BRIER.** Cac. (Stredwick).—A most attractive pink cactus of the incurved type. Price per tuber....50c
- TERRA COTTA. Dec.—This large graceful flower of a color implied by its name, is free blooming and has long wiry stems. Price per tuner.....75c
- **T. G. BAKER.** Cac.—A very large clear yellow. Price per tuber......50c
- THE GRIZZLY. Dec. (Burns)—This dark marcon-red decorative of California origin, bears very freely and with disbudding, will develop enormous blcoms. Price per tuber....\$2.50
- THE MILLIONAIRE. Dec. (Stillman)
 —One of the largest dahlias grown. A
 delicate lavender-pink. Price per
 tuber\$1,50
- THEO. VAIL. Dec.—Golden orange shading to apricot. A tall variety with blossoms held erect on long stems.

 Price per tuber..........\$1.50

- THOS. OBELON. Cac.—A scarlet of the incurved type. Price per tuber...50c

- **WASHINGTON CITY.** H. C. (Brcomall)

 —A large pure white with star-like flowers on long stiff stems. A splendid white. Price per tuber.....\$2.00

- wodan. H. C.—Salmon-pink shading to fawn at base. A good variety. Price per tuber......35c
- w. w. RAWSON. Sh. (Johnson)—White shaded with lavender. A great favorite. Price per tuber......35c

The Secret of Success

We have often had visitors at our fields say, "What do you do to make dahlias grow like this?" All we can say in answer is this: If you wish to raise good dahlias, give them a little care and attention and they will respond more readily than any flower we knew. Plant them in a sunny spot as far away from trees as possible and keep the ground mellow. Where it can be procured, stable manure spread on the ground in the Fall and spaded under is excellent to lighten the soil and keep if from packing. In the Spring, spade the ground again, breaking it up ten of fiteen inches deep. Always keep this in mind, the finer you prepare the soil, the better dahlias you will have. When ready to plant, about June 1st, mark off rows four feet apart and mark the hills three feet apart in the rows. You cannot expect to have large flowers if you crowd your dahlies together. Where space is limited, they might be planted in squares 3½x3½ ft. but should never be placed closer than 3x3 ft.

To save the plants from breaking down in the wind, strong stakes 5 or 6 ft. in length are necessary. Drive a stake in firmly at each hill. Then dig a hole six inches deep beside each stake and lay the tuber down flat with the eye or sprout pointing up. Place the sprout end two or three inches from the stake. Cover

tuber down flat with the eye or strout pointing up. Place the sprout end two or three inches from the stake. Cover the tuber with four inches of fine soil and pack down gently. Then have patience and give it a chance to come up. Do Not Dig the Tuber Up to see if it is growing. If the tuber is healthy and has an eye, it will never fail to come up. Tubers not yet sprouted will start if left in a warm place and covered with moist sand for about a week before planting. To water the hill before the plant is well above the ground, will often cause decay above the ground, will often cause decay and always do more harm than good. When the plant is at least a foot high,

thin out all the weaker shoots leaving one strong stalk to each hill and begin tying the plant to the stake, with soft twine. If a plant is inclined to grow too thick take out some of the leaves and branches to allow air and sunlight to penetrate. We always trim away the lower growth for a foot or 18 inches above the ground. The important thing, is to keep the ground well hoed and cultivated until the buds appear. After they are in bloom it is well to use a rake between the rows to keep the ground soft, without injuring the roots near the hills.

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A handful of chemical potato fertilizer thoroughly mixed with the soil at each hill when planting will give the plants a quick start and help them to resist the attacks of insects. Bene meal is also good to mix with the soil when it is not convenient to use stable manure. If extra large exhibition blooms are desired, scatter about ½ pt. of dry pulverized sheep manure around each hill 8 weeks after planting and mix in thoroughly with a rake.

In dry weather, loose soil may be formed in a circle around each hill forming a basin to hold two or more buckets of water. Soak the ground thoroughly in this way once or twice a week while dry weather lasts. Dry soil raked over the wet portion will prevent sround from baking.

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Pinching off buds and lateral branches leaving only the center bud on each stalk will result in immense blooms.

After a frost kills the tops, cut them off at the ground and dig clumps of roots carefully. Turn clumps with the stems down to dry in the sun for half a day. They may then be packed in a box and covered with dry sand leaving the stalks projecting and left in a cellar where the temperature is between 40 and 50 degrees. and 50 degrees.

How to Keep Dahlia Blooms When Cut

To keep well, dahlias should be cut early in the morning when the dew is still on them, or in the evening when they have revived after the heat of the day. Cut with long stems and dip the ends of the stems in three or feur inches of hot water and let them remain there for about ten minutes. If the blooms have wilted, leave them in nearly boil-

ing hot water until the water cools. The hot water will force moisture contained in the stems, upwards and entirely fresh-en both leaves and flowers. Then place en both leaves and flowers. Then place them in vases of fresh cold water so the stems are submerged at least two-thirds of their length. This method will not only freshen wilted flowers but make them last several days longer.

